on the packagings. Any violation of these conditions will attract action under relevant provisions of Law.

Development of Potent Pesticides

3029. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have stressed upon the pesticides manufacturers to use new techniques for developing more potent pesticides;

(b) if so, whether Government have warned thera not to use hazardous chemicals in making pesticides;

(c) if so. whether there is any check on the pesticides manufacturers so that they may not use chemicals in pesticides; and

(a) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH); (a) to (d) Manufacturers of new pesticides are required to get the Central Insecticide Board's registration. The Board while granting registration checks raw materials involved, chemical reactions, steps involved and the intermediates produced in the process of manufacture. If it is found that the hazardous chemicals are involved, registration is either denied or granted on the sufficient warning that the manufacturer will take necessary precautionary measures.

Strict Rules also been made for giving clearance of location and from pollution point of view, to such manufacturing units which are going to use hazardous chemicals.

Profitability of Drug Manufacturing Units

3030. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 26th October, 1987 to the effect that Multinational Companies were being allowed to manufacture and import medicines and are being allowed to sell thera in India at a cost three to four times the cost that prevails in the West;

(b) whether any thorough inquiry has been made in this regard and if so, what are the findings in this regard;

(c) how does the profitability of Ihe public sector drugs manufacturing units compare with the private sector units producing the same drugs during the last three years; and

(d) whether any change in Government's Drug Policy is being contemplated; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The allegations made in the newsitem are not true. Manufacture, import and sale of medicines are regulated as per provisions of relevant laws for the time being in force.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) of the question above.

(c) Profitability of individual companies depends on various factors and cannot be compared.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Unemployment in Rural Areas

3031. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what measures Government propose to take to solve the problem of unemployment in rural areas through Cottage Industries;